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SKYLIGHT FLASHING

This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 6,035,593, filed July 30, 1998.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to tubular skylights, and more particularly to roof-mounted flashings.

BACKGROUND

5 Tubular skylights have been provided for illuminating rooms inside buildings with natural light. Not only do tubular skylights thus save electricity and, concomitantly, are environmentally benign, but they illuminate rooms in a pleasing way using natural sunlight instead of 60 cycle electric light. An example of a commercially successful tubular skylight is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,099,622, assigned to the same assignee as the present invention and incorporated herein by reference.

10 A tubular skylight includes a roof-mounted, dome-like transparent cover. The cover is mounted on the roof of a building by means of a flashing. An internally reflective tube depends downwardly from the flashing to the ceiling of the room sought to be illuminated, and the bottom of the tube is covered with a disk-shaped light diffuser that is positioned at the ceiling.

15 A roof-mounted flashing typically includes a curb, the top of which is covered by the dome and the bottom of which engages a downwardly-depending skylight tube. A flat skirt is typically formed around the bottom of the curb, with the skirt extending radially away from the curb. The skirt is fastened to the roof such that the flashing provides an upper support for the skylight.

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5 and only one" unless explicitly so stated, but rather "one or more". Moreover, it is not necessary for a device or method to address each and every problem sought to be solved by the present invention, for it to be encompassed by the present claims. Furthermore, no element, component, or method step in the present disclosure is intended to be dedicated to the public regardless of whether the element, component, or method step is explicitly recited in the claims. No claim element herein is to be construed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph, unless the element is expressly recited using the phrase "means for".

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